

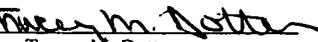
PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: HIGH LEVEL MESSAGE PRIORITY ASSIGNMENT BY A PLURALITY  
OF MESSAGE-SENDING NODES SHARING A SIGNAL BUS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 19, 2004.

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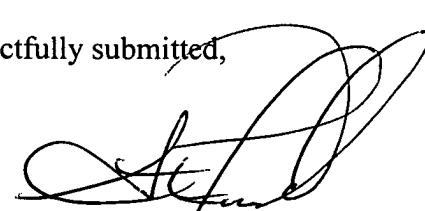
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached Office Action Response. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HONY.032PA) in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the extension fee for a large entity. Authority is given to charge/credit necessary fees/overages to deposit account number 50-0996 (HONY.032PA) as required by this filing.

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